“The Moustache” by Robert Cormier

**Pre-reading**

Directions: use as many of the following words as possible to write paragraph entitled “The Moustache”.

**Vocabulary**

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| Complex | N. An exaggerated concern of preoccupation |
| Antiseptic | Adj. thoroughly clean |
| Lapse | v. to drift or fall |
| Lucid | Adj. mentally alert |
| Conspiratorial | Adj. having to do with people secretly plotting together |
| Merging | Adj. combining, blending |
| Pretense | The act of attempting to fool someone |
| Pathetic | Adj. pitiful |
| Serene | Adj. calm |
| Tentatively | In an uncertain way |

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**During Reading**

Directions: Choose one of the topics below to do while you read.

Be sure to identify the **main conflict**, **5 elements of the rising action**, the **climax**, and the **resolution**.

Irony, symbolism, and theme will be on the quiz tomorrow.

Options: 1) Create a **graphic organizer**.

2) Create a **two-column chart** on word.

3) Compile a **series of pictures** representing the events. Include a 1-sentence summary of the main idea.

**Post Reading**

The main events of the story, along with irony, symbolism, and theme, will be assessed.